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**PATENT**

**CASE NO.: 8627/092 (PA-5239-RFB)**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Matthew M. Graf, et al.	)	Examiner: Hook, James F.
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Serial No.: 09/810,377	)	Group Art Unit: 3752
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Filed: March 16, 2001	)	
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For: INTRODUCER SHEATH	)	

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 3, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected on the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.